

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
November 8, 2012

Present: Knox (chair), Ames, Coughlin, Milius, Nora Stevens (guest), Walton (staff), Hultgren (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

The minutes of the September 13, 2012 meeting were accepted on a motion by Ames/Coughlin.

The committee discussed rearranging the transfer station for single-stream recycling. Currently residents place bottles and cans, newspaper and corrugated cardboard in separate containers. Even though these items are separated at the transfer station, Willimantic Waste Paper piles them together at their single stream sorting facility. Committee members agreed that the transfer station should be arranged so that residents can place their cans, bottles, paper and cardboard together. Converting to a cashless system at the transfer station has taken on new importance as it has been one of the recommendations of the Town's auditors. Staff will be discussing ways to do this with the finance director. The auditors also recommended moving the swap shop into its own building. Hultgren suggested hiring a part time employee to oversee the swap shop. Members liked the idea of moving the swap shop, but asked staff to bring the cost of a building and part time staff to a future meeting for further evaluation. Hultgren also informed the committee that soon residency will be enforced at the transfer station. Stevens stated that about half the people who use the swap shop are from other towns.

A resident had requested that SWAC consider collecting compact fluorescent bulbs in other municipal buildings, such as the library, community center and senior center. Walton stated that to purchase a pre-paid postage bulb collection box (which holds up to 180 bulbs) from Northeast Lamp Recycling would cost \$189. The Town currently pays a far cheaper price of \$0.23 per pound for bulbs collected at the transfer station. One suggestion was to collect the bulbs from the boxes and transport them to the transfer station for the cheaper cost, but because there were reservations about bulb breakage in these buildings and adding another task to public works staff, it was decided not to add bulb collection locations.

Walton reported that the contract with Mayo was extended for one more year until September 30, 2013. At the end of the extension, Diane Mitchell (trash truck driver) and her husband, Phil (recycling truck driver) will be moving out of the area.

Walton stated that the Oaks on the Square Apartments has requested more frequent trash service, but rates have not been set for trash service collected more than twice per week. Additionally, rates need to be established for recyclables that are collected in dumpsters. The committee reviewed the proposed trash and recycling rates and asked staff to recommend the following rates to Town Council:

8 cubic yard trash dumpster	three times per week	\$902.00
8 cubic yard trash dumpster	four times per week	\$1,188.00
8 cubic yard recycling dumpster	once per week	\$98.00
8 cubic yard recycling dumpster	twice per week	\$190.00
8 cubic yard recycling dumpster	three times per week	\$280.00
8 cubic yard recycling dumpster	four times per week	\$370.00

The committee agreed on the following dates for calendar year 2013 with the meeting time changing to 7:00 pm: January 10, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, November 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator